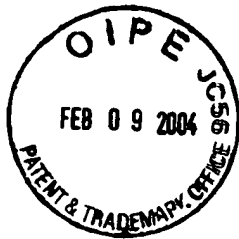


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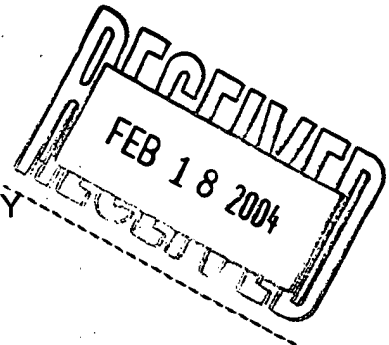
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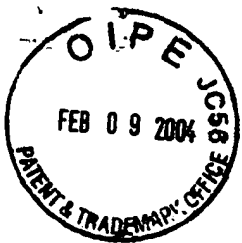
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. A Petition requesting an extension of three months through and including February 5, 2004, is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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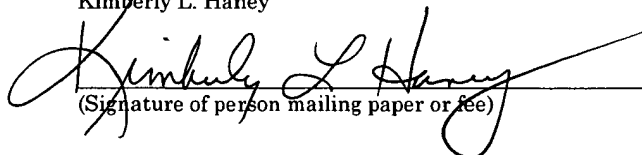
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